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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON PDRY DEVELOPMENTS

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 21 CALL, FOREIGN MINISTER AL-ASNAJ
DISCUSSED WITH ME AT SOME LENGTH CURRENT STATE OF INTERNAL
SITUATION PDRY AS WELL AS THAT OF ITS EXTERNAL REALTIONS.

2. DESCRIBING INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AL-ASNAJ SAID THAT
PDRY ECONOMY CONTINUES TO BE "BAD WITH LITTLE AVAILABLE
IN THE MARKETPLACE TO BUY." THIS SITUATION HAS BECOME
PARTICULARLY OBVIOUS DURING RAMADAN SEASON AND AS A RESULT
CIRTICISM OF THE REGIME IS BEING HEARD IN THE STREETS
OF ADEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY. AL-ASNAJ
CONTINUED THAT HE ALSO HAS RELIABLE REPORTS THAT ABD
AL-FATTAH ISMAIL IS APPARECTLY WUITE SICK WITH CONSTANT
HEMORRAGING DUE EITHER TO CANCER OR TO SOME OTHER AS
YET UNDETERMINED AFFLICATION. PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAYI ALI
IS ALSO QUITE SICK, AS IS PRIME MINISTER ALI NASIR
HASANI. AL-ASNAJ STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE BAD
ECONOMIC SITUATION AS WELL AS THE SICKNESS OF THE
TOP LEADERSHIP, HE SENSES A GROWING ATMOSPHER OF
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CONFUSION IN PDRY. AL-ASNAJ WAS NOT PREPARED, HOWEVER,

TO GO BEYOND THAT AND PREDICT WHAT THIS ATMOSPHERE
MIGHT PORTEND FOR THE FUTURE.

3. AL-ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT EGYPTIAN PDRY RELATIONS
ARE ALSO VERY BAD IN THE WAKE OF FIRM EVIDENCE THAT
PDRY AGENTS HAVE BEEN COLLUDING WITH THE LIBYANS IN
CARRYING OUT RECENT SABOTAGE ACTS IN EGYPT. SADAT
IS REPORTEDLY INCENSED ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND HAS
ORDERED THAT THOSE SOUTH YEMENIS RECENTLY APPREHENDED SHALL
BE TRIED BY MILITARY COURTS AND THEIR SENTENCES CARRIED
OUT NO MATTER HOW SEVERE. AL-ASNAJ STATED THAT SAUDI
EMISSARY KAMAL ADHAM WAS IN ADEN AND CAIRO LAST WEEK
TRYING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE TWO STATES BUT FOUND
SADAT UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE.

4. COMMENT. AL-ASNAJ BECAUSE OF HIS ADENI CONNECTIONS
KEEPS CLOSE TABS ON PDRY DEVELOPMENTS. HIS COMMENTS,
THEREFORE, DESERVE CLOSE SCRUTINY, PARTICULARLY HIS
REPORTS OF INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES IN ADEN WHICH WE HAVE
ALSO BEEN HEARING FROM OTHER EQUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES.
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